

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-122

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: CLINICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

With the 1.2 million additional training days, it is very hard to work out why you have put it in terms of the training days and it is very difficult to actually work out how many actual students this is going to benefit. Do you have an estimation of that? Could you just provide that for me, please?

Answer:

Following completion of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, this program will support the clinical training placement needs (expressed as “training days”) of 5,280 additional students in 2011 compared to the 2009 baseline.

This figure will grow to 7,217 in 2012 and by late 2013 the estimated number of additional students per year will be 8,233 compared to the 2009 baseline.

The program has the capacity to support an additional 12,000 students. The Request for Proposal process has thus far resulted in achieving 8,233.

HWA will continue to work with universities and clinical training providers to reach the target of 12,000.